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Vernon A. Walters Lieutenant General, USA Deputy Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear General Walters:

Your letter of March 26, 1976 was presented to our Board of Directors at their last meeting and the Board unanimously voted in favor of your being our guest speaker at our October 14, 1976 meeting. We definitely are interested in the man not the position.

We are looking forward to having you here and if there is any way in which we may be of service to you prior to your arrival please let us know.

Aloha,

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John A. Baker, Jr.

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26 March 1976

Mr. John A. Baker, Jr.
President, Honolulu Council
Navy League of the United States
Box 4530
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Baker:

Thank you for your letter and your kind words regarding my talk to the Navy League. I am most grateful for your kind invitation to speak in Honolulu on October 14, 1976.

It is possible, however, that I may retire before that date and you might wish to have someone who would be in active government service at that time. If this is the case, I fully understand. If, however, you do wish me to speak under those conditions, I would be honored to do so. I hope that you will feel quite free to make the decision that seems best to you.

With every good wish,

Faithfully,

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March 16, 1976

Lt. General Vernon A. Walters Deputy Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Your talk to the Executive Committee of the Navy League of the United States in Albuquerque, New Mexico was outstanding. I came home and contacted both our local Navy League and the Chamber of Commerce of Honolulu and received the authority of both organizations to contact you regarding making a presentation to both organizations this fall.

Thank you for talking to me this morning and indicating an interest in speaking to us on October 14, 1976 in Honolulu.

I understand your acceptance is tentative, however, in order to be sure there would be no slip-ups we have reserved space at the Sheraton-Waikiki for the noon luncheon and have both the Navy League and the Chamber of Commerce standing by to proceed at full steam ahead as soon as it is possible to make your acceptance final.

Thank you so very much for your outstanding work for our country and I sincerely hope to see you again soon.

Please let us know if there are any details that we can take care of to make your acceptance of this invitation easier for you.

Aloha and Mahalo,

John A. Baker, Jr.

President

Honolulu Council

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818 EIGHTEENTH STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006

March 10, 1976

LCEN Vernon A. Walters USA Deputy Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Dick:

To say the least, we got the word! 

That was indeed a tremendous presentation - lively, witty, profound, and stirring. It gave us much food for thought. assured CIA gained many supporters last Saturday. So also did Dick Walters!

You'll probably have more invitations to speak now than you can accept, since I know many of those present will want you to come to their cities. This is all to the good, though, for it does provide you some superb opportunities to bring about a better understanding of what intelligence means today. And there's no doubt that we need to be reminded of that, too.

Thanks again for coming, and for taking the time to have breakfast with us, too. I sincerely hope that personally and officially our paths will cross again soon.

Sinderely,

DeWitt James Griffin

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Mr. V. C. Thomas, Jr. Executive Director Navy League of the United States 818 Eighteenth Street, N. W. Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Many thanks for your kind remarks and the invitation to address the Navy League of the United States in Albuquerque on 5 or 6 March 1976. As I indicated to you on the phone, prior commitments preclude my doing so on 5 March, but I would be delighted to speak on the morning of 6 March.

Although I do not want any advance media publicity or a press conference, I will be glad to answer any questions after my presentation. For your convenience I am enclosing a biography and photograph.

Please express my appreciation for this opportunity to your national president Mr. Griffin. I am looking forward to meeting him and the other members of the Navy League in Albuquerque. With every good wish,

Faithfully,

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818 EIGHTEENTH STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006

29 January 1975

LGEN Vernon A. Walters, USA Deputy Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear General Walters:

This is a follow-up on our conversation at the Freedom Studies Center earlier in the week. On behalf of our national president, DeWitt James Griffin, you are hereby cordially invited to address the Executive Committee of the Navy League of the United States in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on either the afternoon of March 5 or the morning of March 6.

Your audience would be small in terms of numbers, approximately 50. However, it does represent the senior leadership of the Navy League and those present would hail from every section of the country. If you could take the time to present to that group the views you expressed Monday night, it would be beneficial to all concerned.

Our meeting gets underway with a reception on Thursday night and includes dinner at Summit House on Sandia Peak Friday night. Judging from your biography, you undoubtedly are well familiar with the city and with the peak. If you could take time out from breaking in a new boss and from having to testify before those eight committees of Congress, we'd be delighted if you could join us for any portion of the meeting that your schedule would permit. The meeting will take place in the Sheraton Old Town Inn.

I'll look forward to hearing from you soon. Meanwhile, I'd like to express my thanks for what you had to say Monday; that was a sobering presentation, and one far more concerned and thoughtful Americans should be exposed to.

Sincerely,

DCZ

V. C. Thomas, Jr. (7)

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